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There were 33,000 hired workers on farms in the Delta region (Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) during the week of October 10-16, 2010, unchanged from a year ago. Farm operators paid their workers an average wage of \$9.07 per hour during the October reference week, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Field workers earned an average \$8.55 per hour, down 31 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$8.85 per hour compared with \$9.16 a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 43.4 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Farm Labor: Hired Workers and Wage Rates, United States¹, October 10-16, 2010, with comparisons

Farm Employment	October 11-17, 2009	July 11-17, 2010	October 10-16, 2010
1,000			
Hired Workers			
150 Days or More	605	627	588
149 Days or Less	224	258	238
Total	829	885	826
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	285	360	331
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,114	1,245	1,157
Hours per Week			
Hours Worked by Hired Workers	39.0	40.7	41.7
Dollars per Hour			
Wage Rate			
Field & Livestock Combined	10.24	10.11	10.43
Field	10.22	10.09	10.49
Livestock	10.28	10.15	10.27
All Hired Workers ^{2 3}	10.93	10.79	11.13

¹ Excludes Alaska.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

³ Excludes agricultural service workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Selected Regions and United States, October 11-17, 2009, and October 10-16, 2010**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010
Dollars per Hour								
Northeast II	10.28	11.84	9.50	10.17	10.05	11.30	10.88	12.05
Appalachian I	8.67	9.01	9.15	9.99	8.85	9.24	9.55	9.70
Appalachian II	9.85	9.87	10.38	9.72	10.10	9.80	11.05	10.60
Southeast	8.87	8.72	9.33	9.75	9.00	9.05	9.53	9.78
Florida	9.30	9.79	10.10	9.05	9.40	9.65	10.65	11.00
Cornbelt I	11.30	11.19	10.51	10.48	11.00	10.95	11.17	11.54
Delta	8.86	8.55	9.16	8.85	8.95	8.64	9.50	9.07
Southern Plains	9.17	9.68	10.64	10.01	9.85	9.85	10.17	10.30
Mountain II	11.01	10.91	11.70	11.01	11.25	10.95	11.55	11.95
Pacific	11.07	10.95	10.42	10.97	11.00	10.95	11.82	11.59
California	10.14	10.20	11.28	11.20	10.35	10.34	11.26	11.18
Hawaii	11.55	12.00	13.40	14.30	11.69	12.16	13.60	14.38
United States ¹	10.22	10.49	10.28	10.27	10.24	10.43	10.93	11.13

¹Excludes Alaska.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region
and United States, October 11-17, 2009, and October 10-16, 2010**

United States and Region	Hired						Number of Hours Worked		
	Number of Workers		Expected to be Employed						
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less				
	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	Oct 11-17, 2009	Oct 10-16, 2010	
1,000								Hours per Week	
Appalachian I	31	35	21	23	10	12	37.1	39.9	
Appalachian II	24	22	14	14	10	8	37.1	39.1	
Southeast	32	24	23	16	9	8	35.0	38.0	
Florida	46	43	41	37	5	6	38.6	39.0	
Lake	67	67	46	46	21	21	38.0	37.5	
Delta	33	33	26	20	7	13	38.0	43.4	
Southern Plains	56	52	44	43	12	9	39.0	42.0	
United States ¹	807	826	585	588	222	238	39.0	41.7	

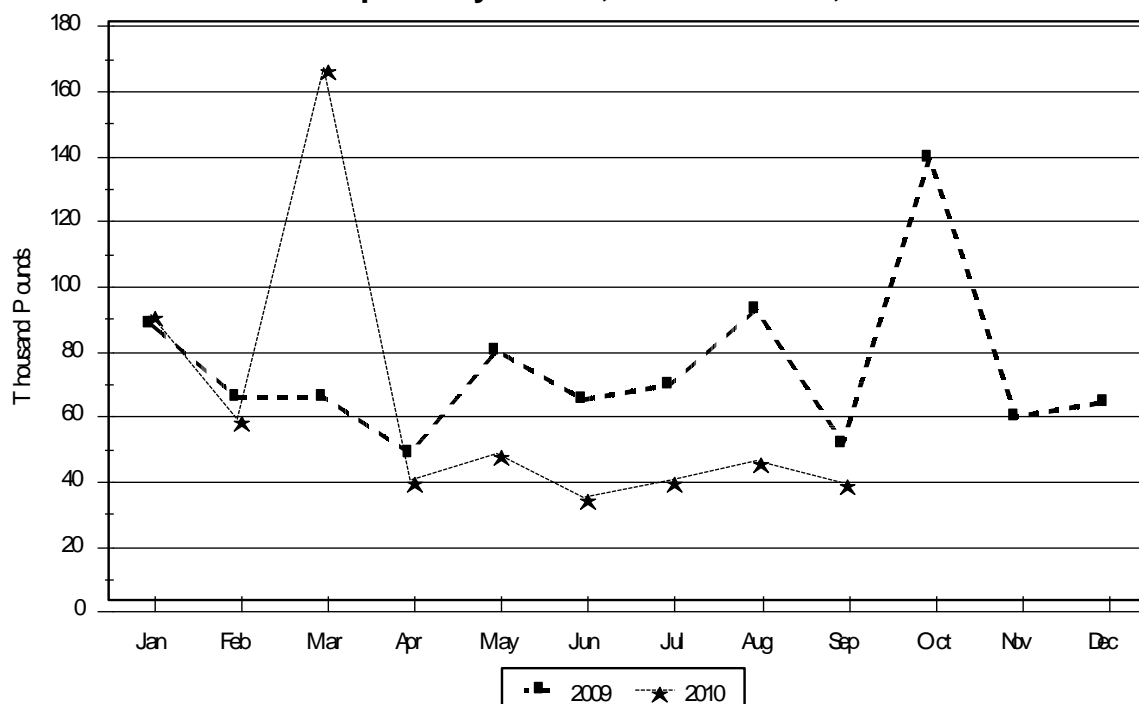
¹Excludes Alaska.

Region: Northeast II – DE, MD, NJ, PA; Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Corn Belt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Lake – MI, MN, WI; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Pacific – OR, WA.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters), as of November 15,
Crop Years 2007-2010 by Crop, State, and United States**

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
All Cotton				
Alabama	278,550	300,000	100,950	362,600
Arizona	181,050	125,700	155,500	168,250
Arkansas	1,625,400	1,130,450	435,650	1,085,250
California	573,050	312,700	288,100	256,700
Florida	61,000	67,150	22,100	75,950
Georgia	644,150	761,450	527,250	1,197,200
Louisiana	671,300	265,200	231,950	434,200
Mississippi	1,220,950	565,500	233,950	801,800
Missouri	727,150	576,200	226,650	663,000
New Mexico	16,800	12,700	17,250	14,750
North Carolina	598,750	440,600	395,950	713,250
Oklahoma	120,800	85,050	66,000	151,600
South Carolina	98,200	127,700	113,350	190,650
Tennessee	577,550	477,300	219,550	655,800
Texas	2,635,050	1,485,950	1,868,550	3,730,250
Virginia	68,750	66,650	53,850	83,600
United States	10,098,500	6,800,300	4,956,600	10,584,850

Catfish Exports by Month, United States, 2009-2010



Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, November 1, 2009-2010

Region	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	11,590	11,881	103	4,412	4,766	108
East North Central	11,467	11,421	100	7,230	8,075	112
West North Central	25,013	27,166	109	7,542	8,789	117
South Atlantic	216,387	230,866	107	4,007	5,076	127
South Central	293,870	314,625	107	4,125	4,328	105
West	21,030	22,092	105	7,225	7,612	105
United States	579,357	618,051	107	34,541	38,646	112

October Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	9,150	9,498	31	35	148	150
Arkansas	11,966	12,078	83	80	161	164
Florida	9,721	9,354	230	211	5	6
Georgia	17,157	17,008	209	203	167	173
Mississippi	5,603	5,970	35	35	82	86
North Carolina	12,648	13,060	136	141	127	128
South Carolina	4,686	4,352	78	74	23	23
Virginia	3,205	3,492	33	31	36	43
United States	335,819	335,846	6,638	6,595	1,059	1,080

October Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched,
by Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

State	During October			January-October		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	101,641	108,062	106	1,068,190	1,093,392	102
Arkansas	81,474	87,785	108	863,969	874,918	101
Florida	4,351	4,674	107	36,728	48,061	131
Georgia	110,177	115,939	105	1,150,340	1,148,345	100
Mississippi	63,303	67,086	106	659,719	698,614	106
North Carolina	62,738	69,676	111	671,992	696,070	104
South Carolina	19,532	20,156	103	198,319	204,255	103
Virginia	22,126	22,789	103	222,453	230,490	104
United States	730,698	766,978	105	7,631,377	7,741,950	101

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, October 2009-2010

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price ¹		Ending Inventory	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,830	2,863	1.59	1.57	165	159
Fillets	3,495	3,343	3.19	3.29	445	744
Other	685	621	1.64	1.68	62	72
Total Fresh	7,010	6,827	2.39	2.42	672	975
Frozen						
Whole Fish	783	691	2.22	2.30	483	693
Fillets	7,989	7,974	2.92	3.02	8,820	6,500
Other	3,698	3,402	1.54	1.68	2,285	2,396
Total Frozen	12,470	12,067	2.47	2.60	11,588	9,589
Total Fresh & Frozen	19,480	18,894	2.44	2.53	12,260	10,564

¹ Gross value f.o.b. plant

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Received by Producers by Month, United States, 2009-2010

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2009	2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010		
1,000 Pounds						
Dollars						
January	36,406	40,042	36,406	40,042	.810	.764
February	37,702	40,977	74,108	81,019	.770	.765
March	44,912	46,650	119,020	127,669	.773	.785
April	40,768	37,111	159,788	164,780	.763	.804
May	39,925	38,244	199,713	203,024	.762	.796
June	39,370	38,656	239,083	241,680	.763	.786
July	40,966	39,302	280,049	280,982	.771	.788
August	39,490	39,231	319,539	320,213	.769	.790
September	36,408	39,494	355,947	359,707	.772	.816
October	40,191	40,455	396,138	400,162	.768	.832
November	36,211		432,349		.765	
December	33,751		466,100		.763	

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish,
Mississippi and United States, 2009-2010**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	782	224	29	4,455	1,433	32
February	2,147	193	9	7,034	1,528	22
March	6,336	4,536	72	18,927	12,680	67
April	12,628	17,203	136	31,621	38,080	120
May	26,165	29,285	112	57,466	60,913	106
June	45,116	39,337	87	93,123	80,769	87
July	49,001	43,676	89	104,060	89,734	86
August	53,148	40,022	75	107,840	86,024	80
September	41,091	37,849	92	82,125	77,963	95
October	17,762	15,488	87	38,828	33,567	86
November	7,523			21,280		
December	222			3,221		

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Fingerlings and Broodfish,
Mississippi and United States 2009-2010**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	41	8	20	254	59	23
February	73	2	3	268	142	53
March	460	280	61	927	900	97
April	855	1,134	133	1,116	2,065	185
May	1,477	2,294	155	1,774	3,198	180
June	2,688	4,287	159	3,191	4,917	154
July	3,445	5,579	162	4,209	6,579	156
August	4,479	5,900	132	5,453	7,004	128
September	2,796	3,723	133	3,513	4,949	141
October	952	1,593	167	1,358	2,198	162
November	1,006			1,314		
December	1			133		

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2010**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	95,167	90,713	538,669	530,444	5.66	5.85
Arkansas	83,851	79,387	478,719	470,597	5.71	5.93
Georgia	105,405	103,602	564,789	562,229	5.36	5.43
Kentucky	25,904	24,502	139,974	135,540	5.40	5.53
Louisiana	16,159	15,082	98,433	95,828	6.09	6.35
Mississippi	65,791	62,393	388,253	382,693	5.90	6.13
Missouri	36,167	34,776	174,215	167,458	4.82	4.82
North Carolina	61,205	57,954	431,681	420,019	7.05	7.25
South Carolina	25,166	25,621	162,125	172,756	6.44	6.74
Tennessee	25,960	24,186	134,922	126,452	5.20	5.23
Texas	60,133	59,682	338,263	345,223	5.63	5.78
Virginia	27,938	25,746	145,747	137,124	5.22	5.33
United States	754,552	723,437	4,329,987	4,249,306	5.74	5.87

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Pounds				Percent	
Alabama	400,192	393,431	2,739	2,871	0.68	0.72
Arkansas	354,086	347,679	2,991	3,052	0.84	0.87
Georgia	427,493	424,067	2,891	2,987	0.67	0.70
Kentucky	101,937	98,796	392	510	0.38	0.51
Louisiana	72,546	70,954	316	295	0.43	0.41
Mississippi	294,754	297,727	1,745	1,838	0.59	0.61
Missouri	128,279	123,356	920	756	0.71	0.61
North Carolina	337,803	328,766	3,127	3,162	0.92	0.95
South Carolina	121,659	129,575	823	917	0.67	0.70
Tennessee	97,887	92,015	664	548	0.67	0.59
Texas	263,405	268,570	1,578	1,655	0.60	0.61
Virginia	103,004	96,794	551	565	0.53	0.58
United States	3,238,007	3,181,928	24,033	24,351	0.74	0.76

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

State	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 as Percent of 2009 ²
Million Pounds			Percent	
Alabama	2.0	1.9	2.0	98
Arkansas	4.8	4.0	4.5	93
Florida	9.9	10.0	10.2	103
Georgia	11.3	11.0	11.0	97
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	0.5	97
Mississippi	2.4	2.5	1.9	79
Missouri	151.2	141.8	151.5	100
Oklahoma	98.8	96.9	98.5	100
Tennessee	24.0	22.9	23.3	97
Texas	424.7	436.2	427.6	101
Virginia	46.7	40.9	43.1	92
West Virginia	1.2	0.9	1.2	102
United States	4,391.2	4,160.5	4,265.2	97

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.